

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** City Development Department, Planning Division

**AGENDA DATE:** Introduction: September 25, 2012  
Public Hearing: October 16, 2012

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Andrew Salloum, (915) 541-4633, salloumam@elpasotexas.gov

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 2

**SUBJECT:**

An ordinance changing the zoning of Lots 9-14, Block 25, Third Amended Map of Highland Park Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas from R-5 (Residential) to S-D (Special Development) and imposing a condition. The penalty is as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code. Subject Property: 2413 Tremont Avenue. Property Owner: Hector F. Barraza. PZRZ12-00022 (**District 2**)

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

N/A

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

City Plan Commission (CPC) – Approval Recommendation (5-0)

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) N/A

**FINANCE:** (if required) N/A

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

Mathew S. McElroy  
Director, City Development Department

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOTS 9-14, BLOCK 25, THIRD AMENDED MAP OF HIGHLAND PARK ADDITION, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-5 (RESIDENTIAL) TO S-D (SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND IMPOSING A CONDITION. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the zoning of *Lot 9-14, Block 25, Third Amended Map of Highland Park Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas*, be changed from **R-5 (RESIDENTIAL)** to **S-D (SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT)**, within the meaning of the zoning ordinance, and that the zoning map of the City of El Paso be revised accordingly.

Further, that the property described above be subject to the following condition which is necessitated by and attributable to the increased density of use generated by the change of zoning in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the adjacent property owners and the residents of this City:

1. *That the building height be limited to 35' feet.*

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

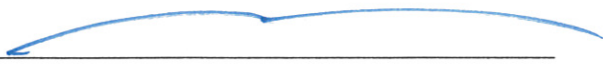
ATTEST:

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Lupe Cuellar  
Assistant City Attorney

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Mathew S. McElroy, Director  
City Development Department

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 17, 2012

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
Joyce A. Wilson, City Manager

**FROM:** Andrew Salloum, Planner

**SUBJECT:** PZRZ12-00022

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The City Plan Commission (CPC), on August 23, 2012, voted 5-0 to recommend **approval** of rezoning the subject property from R-5 (Residential) to S-D (Special Development) and imposing a condition that the building height be limited to 35 feet.

The CPC found that the rezoning is in conformance with the Plan El Paso. The CPC also determined that the rezoning protects the best interest, health, safety and welfare of the public in general; that the proposed use is compatible with adjacent land uses; and the rezoning will have no negative effects on the natural environment, social economic conditions, and property values in the vicinity and the city as a whole.

There were 3 people that attended the CPC meeting on August 23, 2012 to oppose the request from R-5 to S-D and Planning Division also received a fax letter in opposition to the request (see letter attached).

**Attachment:**  
Opposition Letter  
Staff Report

**Petition Against Re-zoning**

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Dean Andrew Salloum,

I would like to petition against the request regarding case number 070713 00013, requesting to change the zoning from R F to R D. My concerns are from the increasing traffic, property taxes, an increase in area traffic, and decreased land value. There is no indication on the size of the proposed apartment complex, leaving me to question how parking space will be managed in this narrow street neighborhood.

Please, I ask that these concerns be addressed prior to one person building an apartment complex in this neighborhood.

Thank you,

*Guillermo and Erika Reyes*

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2319 Tremont

El Paso, TX 79920



## *City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report*

**Case No:** PZRZ12-00022  
**Application Type:** Rezoning  
**CPC Hearing Date:** August 23, 2012  
**Staff Planner:** Andrew Salloum, 915-541-4633, salloumam@elpasotexas.gov

**Location:** 2413 Tremont Avenue  
**Legal Description:** Lots 9-14, Block 25, Third Amended Map of Highland Park Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas  
**Acreage:** 0.413-acre  
**Rep District:** 2  
**Existing Zoning:** R-5 (Residential)  
**Existing Use:** Vacant  
**Request:** From R-5 (Residential) to S-D (Special Development)  
**Proposed Use:** Apartment Complex

**Property Owner:** Hector F. Barraza  
**Representative:** Jorge Avila

### **SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE**

**North:** R-5 (Residential) / Duplex  
**South:** R-5 (Residential) / Single-family dwelling; A-2 (Apartment) / Vacant  
**East:** A-2/sc (Apartment/special contract) / Vacant  
**West:** R-5 (Residential) / Single-family dwelling

**PLAN EL PASO DESIGNATION:** G2, Traditional neighborhood (Walkable) (Central Planning)  
**NEAREST PARK:** Memorial Park (4,331 feet)  
**NEAREST SCHOOL:** Moreno Annex Elementary (849 feet)

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

El Paso Central Business Association

### **NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT**

Notice of a Public Hearing was mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the subject property on August 8, 2012. The Planning Division has not received any letters or phone calls in support or opposition of the rezoning request.

### **APPLICATION DESCRIPTION**

The applicant is requesting to rezone the subject property from R-5 (Residential) to S-D (Special Development) to allow for an apartment complex. Apartments are not permitted in the R-5 (Residential) zone district. The subject property is currently vacant. The conceptual site plan shows three apartment buildings with approximately 12 total units and the site is too small to accommodate apartments in any Apartment zone district. If approved, the S-D zoning district requires a detailed site development plan for all uses other than single-family residential. The proposed access is from Tremont Avenue.

### **PLANNING DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning Division recommends **approval** of rezoning the subject property R-5 (Residential) to S-D (Special Development). The recommendation is based on the compatibility to Plan El Paso – Future Land Use Designation and surrounding land uses. G-2, Traditional neighborhood supports the proposed use.

### **Plan El Paso- Future Land Use Map Designation**

All applications for rezoning shall demonstrate compliance with the following criteria:

G-2 – Traditional Neighborhood: This sector includes the remainder of central El Paso as it existed through World War II. Blocks are small and usually have rear alleys; buildings directly faced streets; schools, parks, and small shops are integrated with residential areas. This sector is well-suited for use of the SmartCode as a replacement for current zoning when planned in conjunction with specific neighborhood plans or identified in this Comprehensive Plan.

The purpose of the S-D (Special Development) district is to provide an opportunity for mixed-use projects, integrated in design, in certain older residential areas where there is a desire to permit a variety of nonresidential uses while maintaining the established residential appearance and landscaping of the area. The regulations of this district are designed to ensure compatibility with existing uses in the district; to permit the production, exhibit or sale of goods and the providing of services to the public in such older residential areas; to protect the traffic capacity of streets serving such older residential areas; to encourage flexibility by prescribing general performance standards for such older residential areas; and to protect the environment of adjacent areas. For the purpose of this district, older areas of the city shall be deemed those areas where development has existed for at least twenty-five years.

### **COMMENTS:**

#### **Planning Division - Transportation**

Comments:

1. No objection to rezoning from R-5 (Residential) to S-D (Special Development)
2. Tremont Avenue is not paved east of Dakota Avenue. Improvements to Tremont, including pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter will be required in order to provide adequate vehicular and pedestrian access to the proposed development site.

Site Plan Comments:

1. Provide number of apartment units to ensure parking requirements are met.
2. Bicycle racks are required but not shown on the site plan.

Note:

1. All proposed paths of travel (accessible sidewalks, wheelchair access curb ramps and driveways) located within public rights-of-way shall be constructed in compliance with the current ADA/TAS regulations and City Design Standards for construction.

#### **City Development Department – Plan Review**

No objections to rezoning.

#### **City Development Department - Land Development**

No Objection.

General Comments:

- Grading plan and permit shall be required.\*
- Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and/or permit required.\*
- Drainage plans must be approved by the City Development Department, Land Development Section.\*

\* This requirement will be applied at the time of development.

#### **Fire Department**

Recommend approval. Fire Department does not adversely affect fire department at this time. \*\* Note, A more detailed reviewed will be done by fire plan review during the permitting process.

### **Sun Metro**

Sun Metro does not oppose this request. Recommends the construction of sidewalks to provide pedestrian access to mass transit options.

### **El Paso Water Utilities**

We have reviewed the zoning change request reference above and provide the following comments:

1. El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) does not object to this request.

Water:

2. There is an existing 4-inch diameter water main that is available for service along the alley between Dakota and Kentucky Streets. The water main is located approximately 16-ft north from the northern property line.

3 Previous water pressure reading from fire hydrant # 1965 located at the northeast intersection of Pittsburg Avenue and Indiana Street, have yielded a static pressure of 90 (psi) pounds per square inch, a residual pressure of 30 (psi) pounds per square inch and a discharge of 667 (gpm) gallons per minute.

4. The owner should, for his own protection and at his own expense, install at the discharge side of each water meter a pressure regulator, strainer and relief valve, to be set for pressure as desired by the customer. The Lot owner shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the above-described water pressure regulating device.

Sanitary Sewer:

5. There is an existing 8-inch diameter sanitary sewer main along Tremont Avenue that is available for service, the sewer main is located approximately 1-ft south from the center line of the right-of-way.

6. The El Paso Water Utilities – Public Service Board (EPWU-PSB) requires a complete set of improvement plans, and grading plans for review and approval prior to any work along Tremont Avenue East of Dakota Street fronting the subject property. This is required in order to ascertain that the proposed improvement and/or grading will not adversely affect the existing eight inch diameter sanitary sewer main.

General:

7. EPWU requires a new service application to provide service to the property. New service applications are available at 1154 Hawkins, 3rd floor and should be made 6 to 8 weeks in advance of construction to ensure water for construction work. A site plan, utility plan, grading and drainage plans, landscaping plan, the legal description of the property and a certificate-of-compliance are required at the time of application. Service will be provided in accordance with the current EPWU – PSB Rules and Regulations. The applicant is responsible for the costs of any necessary on-site and off-site extensions, relocations or adjustments of water and sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances.

### **CITY PLAN COMMISSION OPTIONS**

The City Plan Commission may consider the following options and additional options that it identifies when reviewing the rezoning application

1. Recommend approval of the application finding that the rezoning is in conformance with the review criteria of Plan El Paso as reflected in CPC report or other criteria that the CPC identifies from the Plan.
2. Recommend approval of the application with modifications to bring the rezoning into conformance with the review criteria in Plan El Paso as reflected in CPC report or other criteria from the Plan as identified by the CPC.
3. Deny the application finding that the rezoning does not conform to the review criteria in Plan El Paso as reflected in CPC report or other criteria identified in the Plan by the CPC.

### **Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Zoning Map

Attachment 2: Aerial Map

Attachment 3: Conceptual Site Plan



ATTACHMENT 1: ZONING MAP

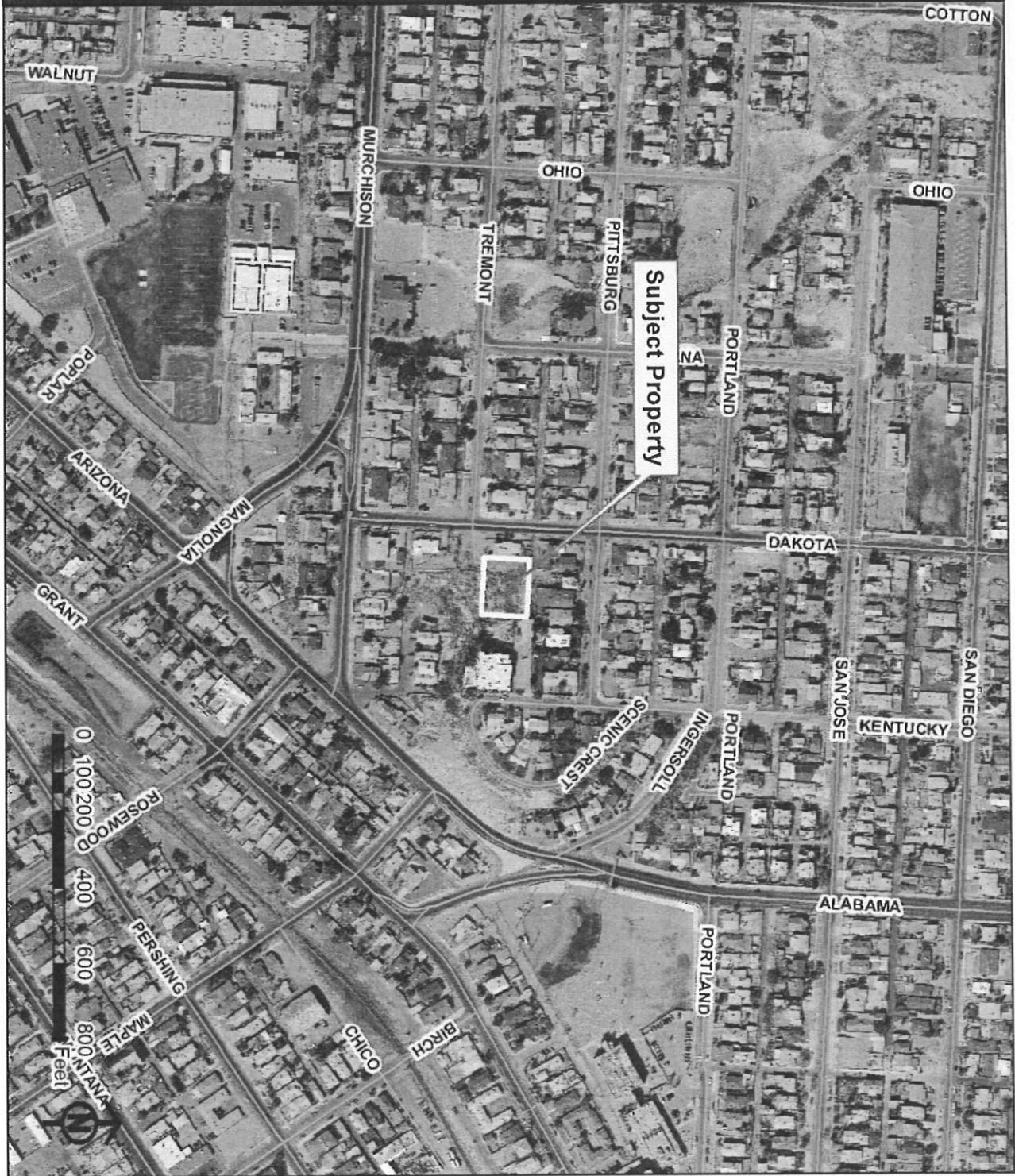
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ATTACHMENT 2: AERIAL MAP

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# ATTACHMENT 3: CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

